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LB 450, 970

Committee.)

Mr. President, Senator Hoagland would like to add his name to LB 450 as co-introducer.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy is next, then Senator Wesely, then Senator Remmers, then Senator Morehead, then Senator Goll. Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President and members of the body, there are so many things that have been said and so many things yet to be said that it is difficult to know exactly where to start. I think that all of us are seeking to find a better way to serve the citizens of our state in higher education. This is what we are attempting to do with LB 970. I think that I should refer to a letter which I received from the former President of Kearney State College who is now President of St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. His name was Brendon McDonald. And let me quote from a letter which I received from him last month. He said: "Today I received some clippings from a friend of mine in Kearney which reported the statewide discussions on other masters degrees at Kearney State College and specifically on the MBA program. Since this was a burning issue when I was at Kearney State, I thought I would drop you a note to share my thoughts and to join those voices seeking additional masters degrees at Kearney State. First, the motivation of the state to limit certain offerings at selected institutions was fundamentally a good one, a good idea. However, we all know that ironclad prescriptions have to give way to human concerns if the state is going to be of service to its people. I hope the state at this point has sufficient wisdom to recognize that Kearney State can offer the MBA, and get this, at lower cost and can be more responsive to providing offerings to potential students in the central Nebraska region. The cost figures per class I am sure are available to everyone. There is also evidence to show that the University can provide only those courses in the region that can be offered by a particular faculty member at a time most convenient for the professor rather than the students." Now that is very important, I think, to this body, to realize that the program that is going on at Kearney State